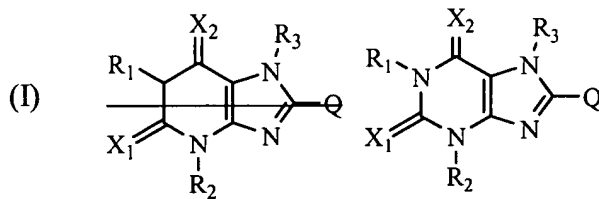


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph [0010] of the specification as follows:

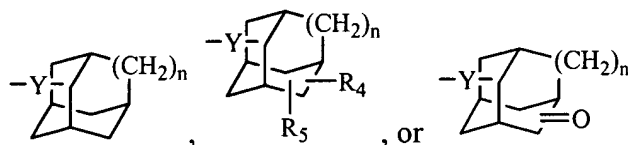
[0010] The AA₁RA used in the pharmaceutical compositions or methods disclosed herein may be a xanthine-derivative compound. The xanthine-derivative compound may be a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,



where

each of X₁ and X₂ independently represents oxygen or sulfur;

Q represents:



where Y represents a single bond or alkylene having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, n represents 0 or 1;

each of R₁ and R₂ independently represents hydrogen, lower alkyl, allyl, propargyl, or hydroxy-substituted, oxo-substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, and R₃ represents hydrogen or lower alkyl, or

R₄ and R₅ are the same or different and each represent hydrogen or hydroxy, and when both R₄ and R₅ are hydrogen, at least one of R₁ and R₂ is hydroxy-substituted or oxo-substituted lower alkyl,

provided that when Q is



then R₁, R₂ and R₃ are not simultaneously methyl.